

"Four Sisters"  
Forsyth Place  
112 So. Conception St.  
Mobile, Alabama

HABS No. ALA-17

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
DISTRICT NO. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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"FOUR SISTERS "  
FORSYTHE PLACE  
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Ownership:

Present Owner: Rutherford.

Previous Owners: Balthaser Tardy.  
Firemans Insurance Company.  
E. R. Thorp.

Date of Ereotion: 1835/37

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Balthaser Tardy.

Present Condition: Poor.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Frame; Greek Revival; iron fence.

Other Existing Records:

See: "HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF OLD MOBILE"  
Where time bears witness to sound  
Building.

This book is an advertisement of the First  
National Bank, Mobile, Alabama.

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Additional Data: This curious old frame dwelling has been a landmark in Mobile for close to a century. It was built by Balthaser Tardy in 1835 - 1837.

The spacious galleries extending around three sides of the house are typically Sputhern and calculated to catch the prevailing breeze from any direction.

It is memorable that it was the home of John Forsythe who for years was editor and part owner of the publication now known as the Mobile Press Register. He was also minister to Mexico, but it is best known and remembered for his journalistic efforts.

In the decade of 1830 to 1840 many men of wealth and prominence came from the various neighboring states and even from foriegn countries to make Mobile their home. John Forsythe came from the state of Georgia in 1835.

Dr. Craighead says of him: "The name of John Forsythe stands for one of the boldest, most cultured and most influential editors that ever wielded pen in the South."

Source of Material: Historic Buildings of Old Mobile.

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